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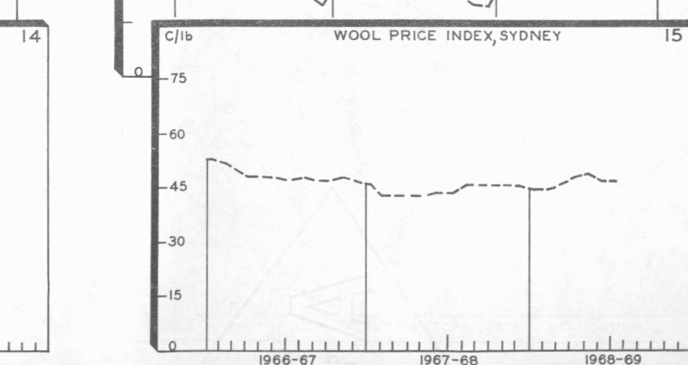
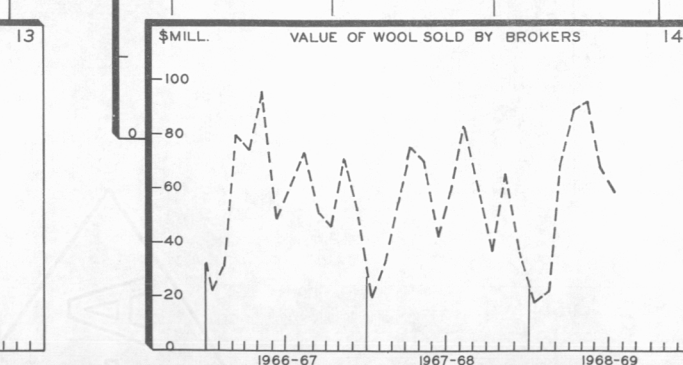
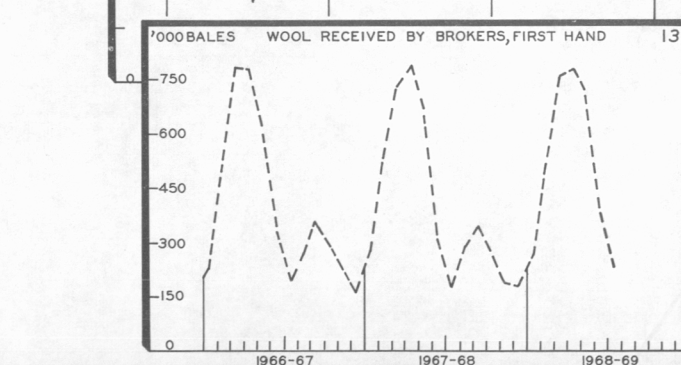
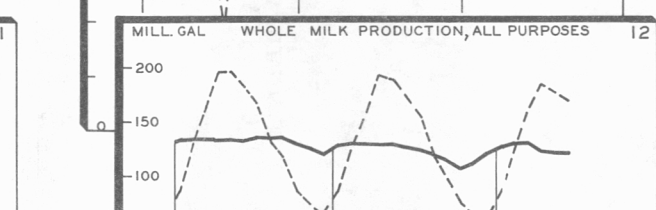
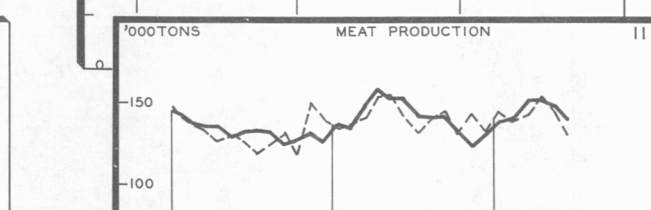
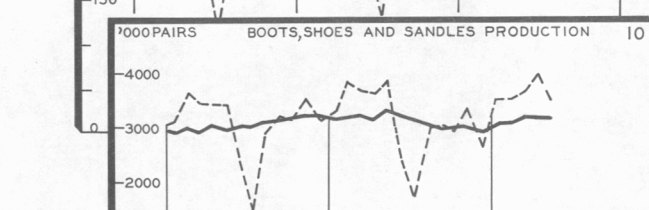
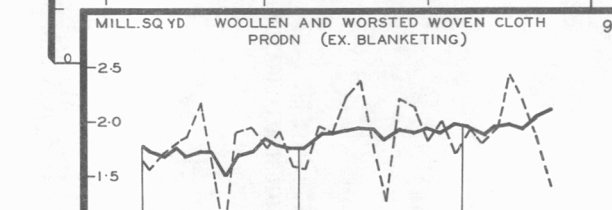
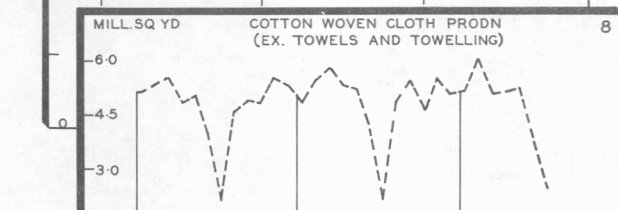
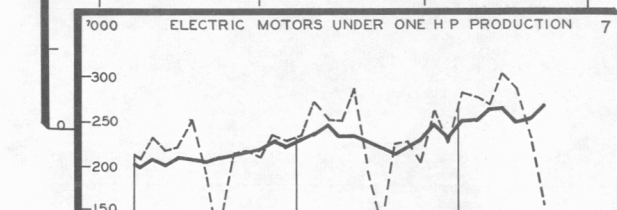
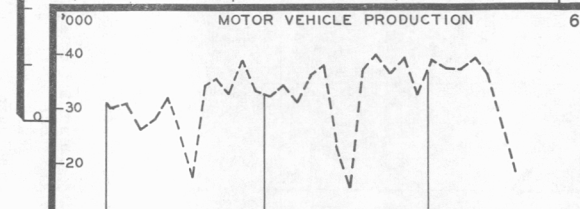
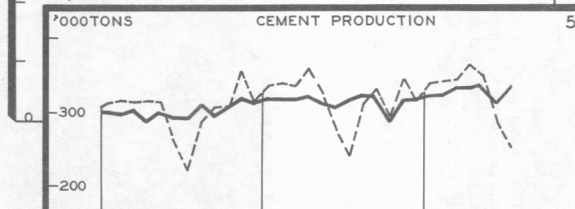
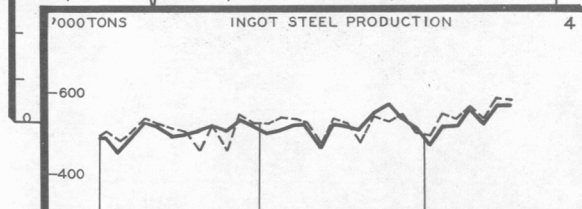
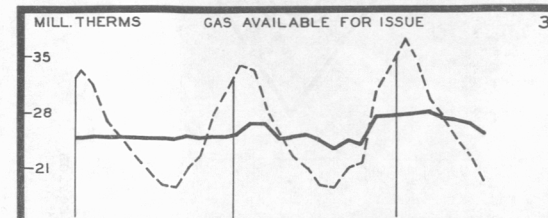
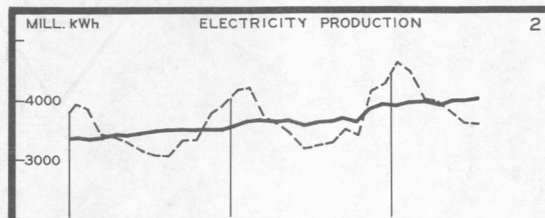
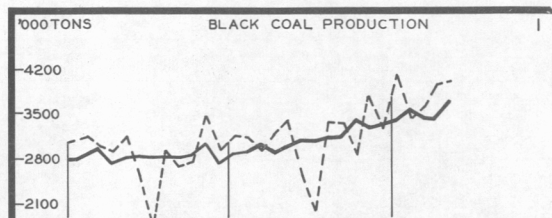
In the Contents, page two, items containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1968, issued by this Bureau on 21 May 1968, which contains original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form for sixty-six selected series. The seasonally adjusted indicators included therein are up-dated in relevant monthly and quarterly publications of this Bureau. Information on the seasonal adjustment of National Accounts is contained in Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure No. 32, June Quarter 1968.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of some calendar irregularities, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of moveable holidays, i.e. Easter and Australia Day. The adjustments made to each series are indicated in Appendix B of Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1968.

The seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

----- ORIGINAL ——— SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



		1967-68												1968-69											
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																									
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	3,150 2,881	3,136 2,931	2,950 3,002	3,166 2,877	3,382 2,996	2,496 3,066	1,992 3,065	3,367 3,144	3,341 3,158	2,814 3,432	3,760 3,281	3,263 3,319	4,097 3,430	3,430 3,541	3,566 3,435	3,960 3,434	3,995 3,706						
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original Adjusted	4,177 3,588	4,205 3,695	3,757 3,705	3,611 3,622	3,513 3,659	3,207 3,563	3,240 3,628	3,280 3,646	3,541 3,731	3,433 3,632	4,143 3,876	4,256 3,959	4,651 3,905	4,487 3,967	4,045 4,025	3,970 3,931	3,808 3,987	3,629 3,997	3,611 4,053				
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original Adjusted	34.0 25.6	33.3 26.7	28.4 26.7	25.0 24.8	22.3 24.8	21.2 25.3	18.8 24.7	18.3 23.5	21.2 24.6	21.9 24.1	31.1 27.8	33.8 27.8	37.5 27.9	34.8 28.0	29.9 28.2	27.8 27.6	24.5 27.3	22.6 26.8	19.5 25.8				
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	524 506	538 512	539 522	528 524	475 468	542 527	524 520	477 515	546 554	528 574	549 539	503 512	495 478	550 517	537 518	565 561	534 527	591 569	579 572				
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	336 322	341 321	333 321	354 324	324 313	277 307	240 317	312 324	329 323	296 291	347 317	314 317	341 323	344 325	345 334	366 334	349 338	285 315	253 335				
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.2	39.7	36.0	26.3	18.6				
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original Adjusted	235 231	273 237	253 245	251 234	287 234	202 229	131 222	224 213	227 221	204 228	261 246	223 228	280 252	276 254	267 263	304 263	284 247	228 255	152 267				
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original	4,835	5,553	5,830	5,334	5,251	4,247	2,173	4,936	5,434	4,611	5,551	5,101	5,225	6,054	5,074	5,158	5,266	3,798	2,492				
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	1,591 1,782	1,981 1,929	1,910 1,906	2,238 1,949	2,398 1,962	1,724 1,959	1,284 1,850	2,240 1,963	2,147 1,924	1,837 1,961	2,033 1,925	1,716 2,005	1,959 1,985	1,815 1,904	1,961 1,973	2,448 2,003	2,241 1,939	1,911 2,086	1,414 2,146				
10. BOOTS, SHOES AND SANDALS PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original Adjusted	3,307 3,189	3,876 3,202	3,706 3,256	3,682 3,159	3,886 3,364	2,466 3,238	1,714 3,179	3,012 3,081	3,076 3,005	2,942 3,033	3,332 3,034	2,680 2,940	3,532 3,124	3,544 3,119	3,699 3,257	4,032 3,251	3,532 3,246						
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	135 137	137 135	141 149	154 159	156 154	142 155	133 143	141 142	146 141	131 132	144 124	133 131	146 139	139 140	143 153	156 153	145 148	131 141					
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original Adjusted	86 130	126 131	160 131	194 130	189 130	173 127	155 125	119 121	96 116	74 109	66 113	65 123	88 129	127 133	161 133	186 124	179 123	170 123					
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762	781	722	398	237				
14. VALUE OF WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	65.9	37.7	18.1	22.4	69.0	89.0	92.3	67.9	58.3				
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY cents per lb greasy		Original	46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	46	* 48	* 49	* 47	* 47				

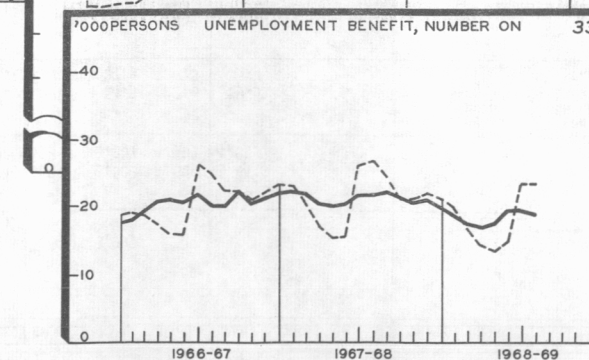
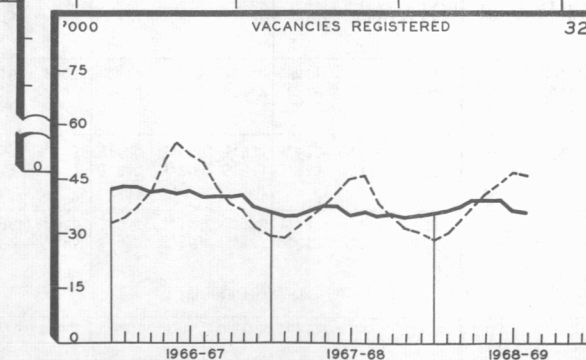
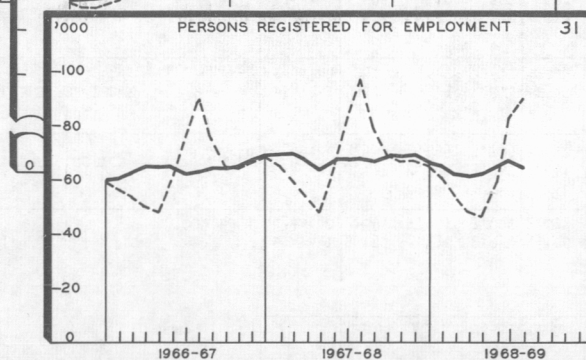
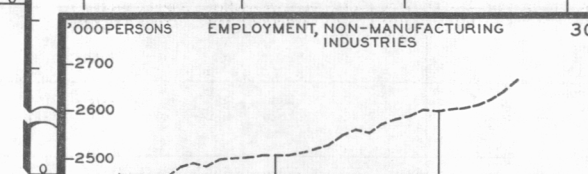
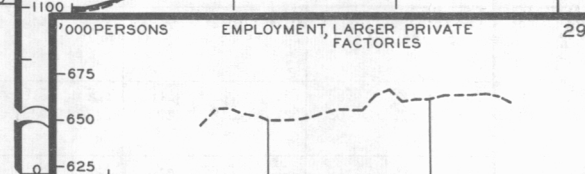
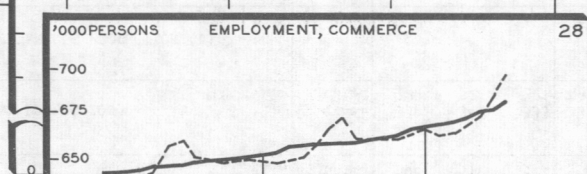
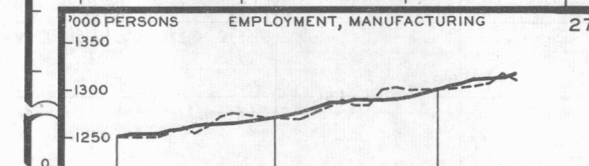
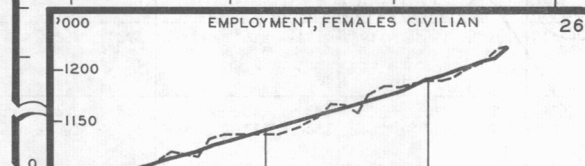
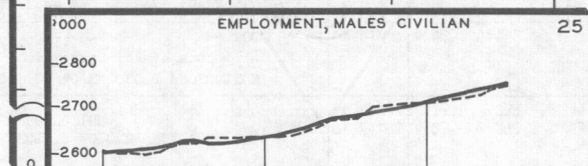
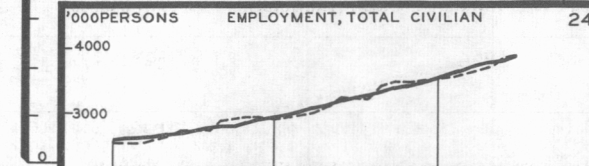
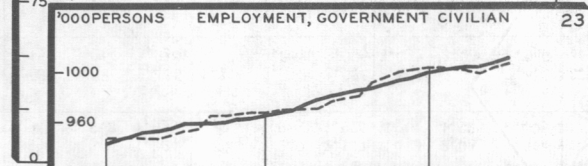
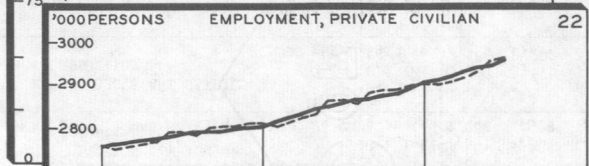
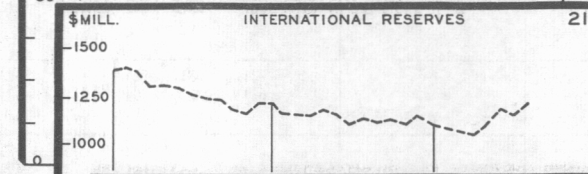
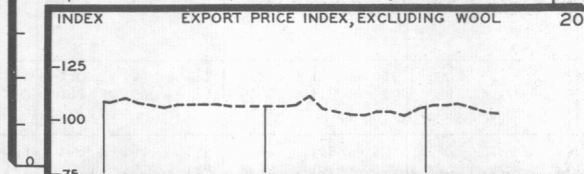
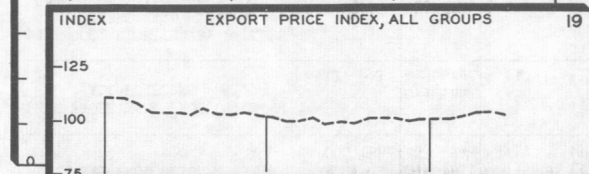
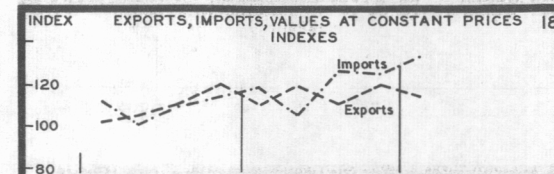
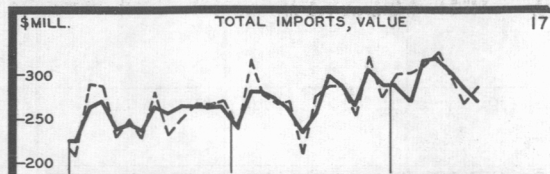
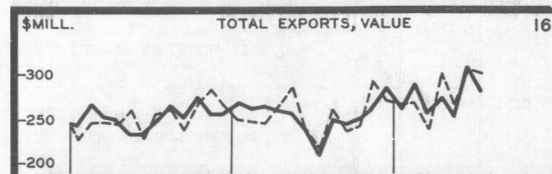
(a) Figures for items 1 to 12 are preliminary from July 1967.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

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		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
OVERSEAS TRADE																									
16. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	249	248	246	266	284	239	216	259	234	240	293	272	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
		Adjusted	268	260	264	258	257	254	204	252	246	250	261	288	264	268	239	297	264	305	302				
17. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	236	314	276	265	270	207	277	287	286	252	322	273	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
		Adjusted	239	280	279	273	261	234	258	298	287	262	306	287	299	299	311	327	296	263	286				
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100 IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100		Original	*			*			*			*			*			*							
		Original	100			109			101			110			105			263			286				
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS	1959-60 = 100	Original	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
		Original	102	99	99	101	98	99	98	101	101	101	100	101	101	101	101	102	104	104	102				
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL	1959-60 = 100	Original	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
		Original	106	106	107	111	105	104	103	103	104	104	103	105	106	106	107	106	104	103					
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original				(e)																			
		Original	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,170	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091	1,174	1,144	1,200				
EMPLOYMENT (b)																									
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,804	2,812	2,822	2,836	2,861	2,862	2,854	2,880	2,891	2,888	2,896	2,899	2,901	2,908	2,921	2,933	2,959	2,966					
		Adjusted	2,815	2,824	2,832	2,842	2,851	2,858	2,860	2,869	2,876	2,882	2,893	2,903	2,913	2,921	2,932	2,940	2,949	2,962					
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original	971	972	972	973	977	980	983	996	999	1,001	1,003	1,004	1,005	1,004	1,003	1,000	1,004	1,009					
		Adjusted	970	972	976	980	983	985	987	990	993	996	998	1,001	1,004	1,004	1,007	1,007	1,010	1,015					
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original	3,775	3,783	3,794	3,809	3,838	3,842	3,837	3,876	3,889	3,889	3,899	3,903	3,907	3,912	3,924	3,934	3,963	3,976					
		Adjusted	3,785	3,796	3,808	3,822	3,833	3,842	3,845	3,859	3,870	3,878	3,891	3,904	3,917	3,925	3,939	3,947	3,958	3,976					
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (a)	'000	Original	2,635	2,640	2,646	2,654	2,671	2,676	2,678	2,699	2,704	2,706	2,712	2,714	2,716	2,719	2,723	2,726	2,743	2,753					
		Adjusted	2,640	2,647	2,656	2,665	2,673	2,678	2,679	2,687	2,693	2,698	2,705	2,713	2,722	2,727	2,734	2,738	2,745	2,755					
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	1,140	1,143	1,148	1,155	1,167	1,166	1,159	1,177	1,185	1,183	1,187	1,189	1,190	1,193	1,200	1,207	1,220	1,223					
		Adjusted	1,145	1,149	1,152	1,156	1,160	1,165	1,166	1,172	1,176	1,180	1,187	1,191	1,195	1,198	1,204	1,208	1,213	1,222					
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original	1,271	1,272	1,277	1,282	1,290	1,283	1,284	1,300	1,305	1,298	1,299	1,300	1,302	1,304	1,307	1,310	1,316	1,311					
		Adjusted	1,274	1,276	1,282	1,286	1,289	1,290	1,289	1,291	1,293	1,293	1,297	1,301	1,305	1,307	1,312	1,313	1,315	1,318					
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original	647	649	651	656	668	673	661	661	661	661	664	665	663	664	668	674	687	697					
		Adjusted	653	656	656	657	658	659	659	661	662	663	666	668	669	671	673	675	676	682					
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACILITIES	'000 persons	Original	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663	664	663	661					
		Original	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617	2,624	2,647	2,665					
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original	65.4	59.8	53.2	48.6	63.0	83.6	96.2	79.1	69.4	67.0	67.3	65.3	61.4	53.5	48.4	46.5	59.8	83.2	90.0				
		Adjusted	69.6	70.0	67.9	64.7	68.5	68.0	68.6	67.4	69.0	68.7	69.2	66.1	65.5	62.8	61.8	61.9	64.9	67.6	64.0				
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original	29.2	32.0	35.0	38.3	41.4	45.4	46.6	38.4	35.0	31.5	30.6	28.7	30.2	33.8	37.6	41.3	43.9	47.1	46.3				
		Adj. (f)	35.5	35.6	36.8	37.2	37.7	35.5	36.4	35.1	35.4	34.9	35.8	36.0	36.8	37.6	39.5	39.9	39.9	36.8	36.2				
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (a)	'000 persons	Original	23.0	20.8	17.2	15.3	15.7	26.3	26.7	24.2	21.0	21.1	21.8	21.3	19.8	16.8	14.2	13.3	14.8	23.5	23.5				
		Adjusted	22.1	21.9	20.5	20.1	20.5	21.7	21.7	22.1	21.3	20.7	21.0	20.0	19.1	17.7	17.0	17.5	19.3	19.3	19.0				

(a) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1,116.6 m. on 12.2.69.

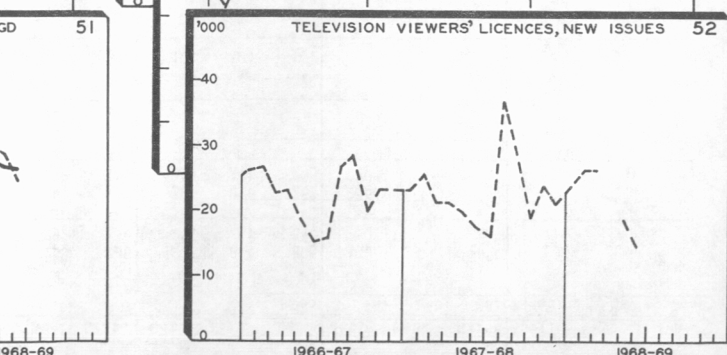
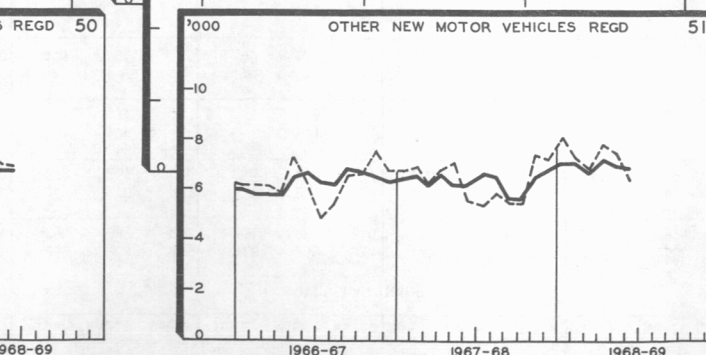
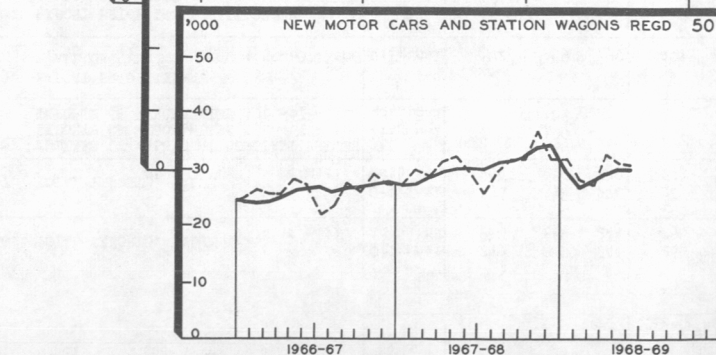
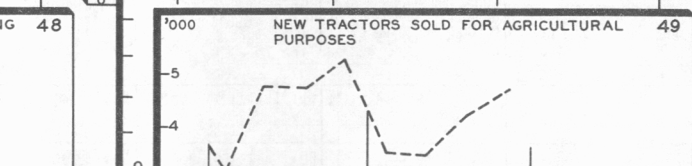
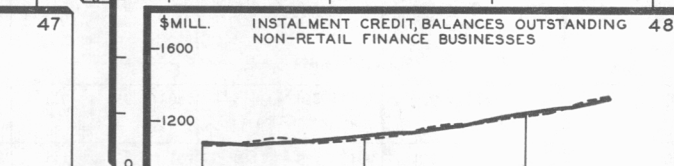
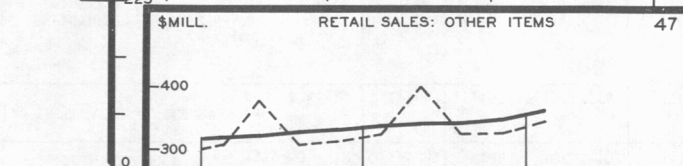
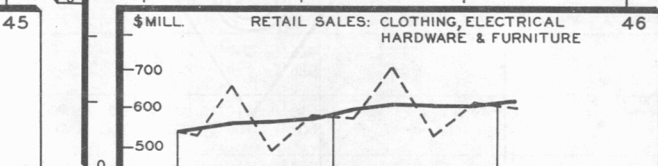
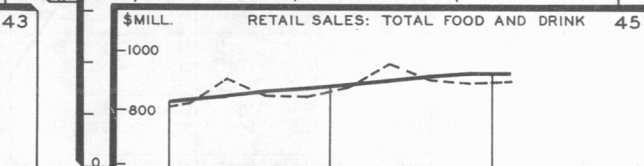
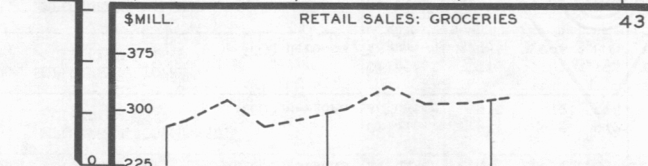
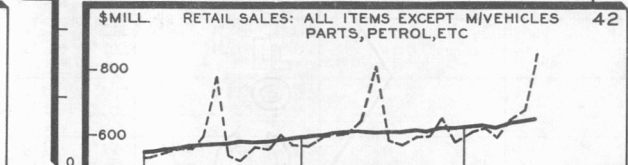
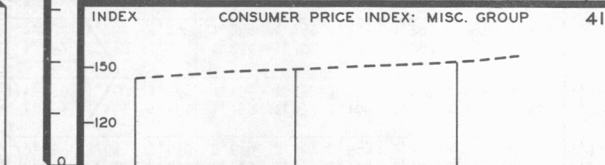
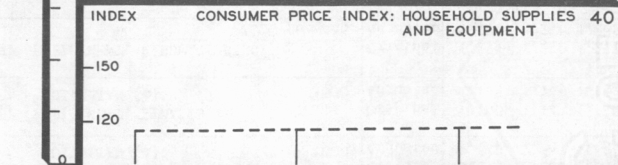
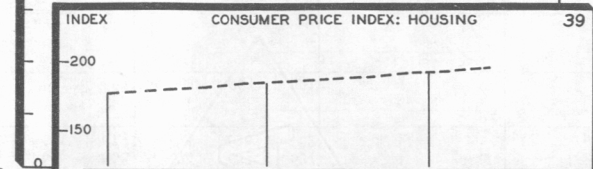
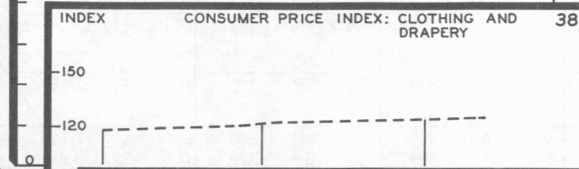
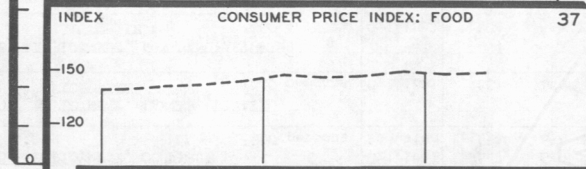
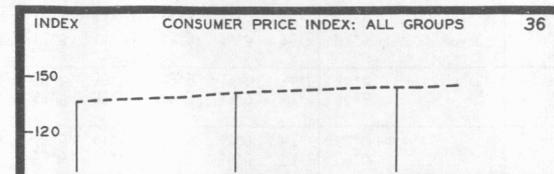
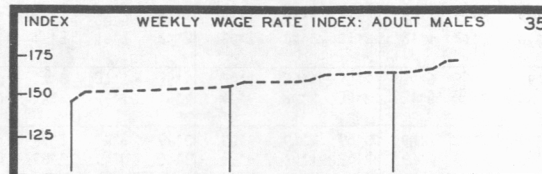
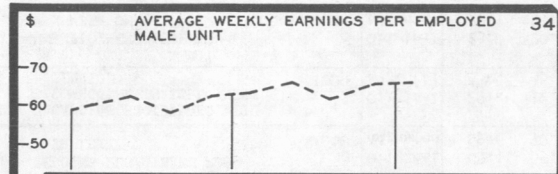
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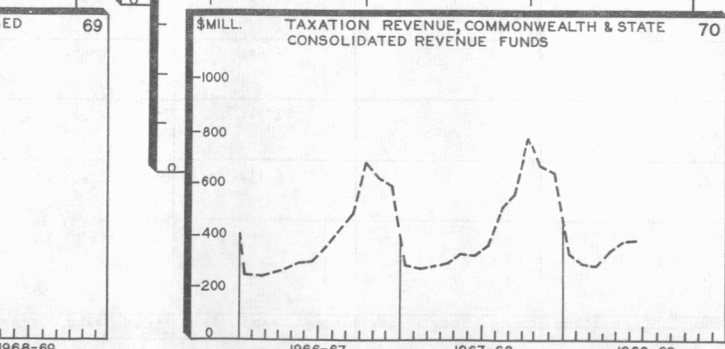
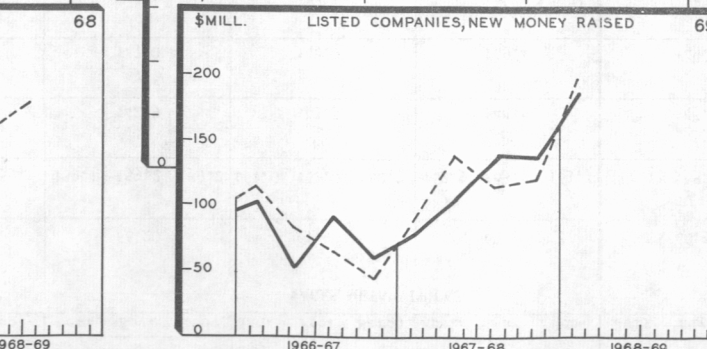
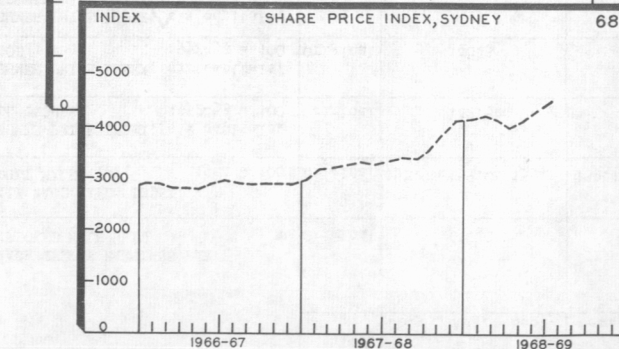
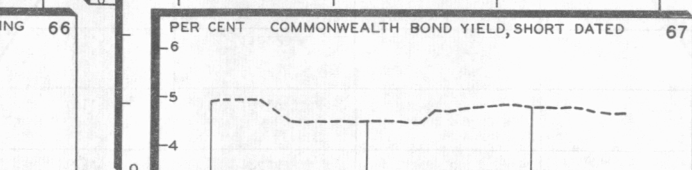
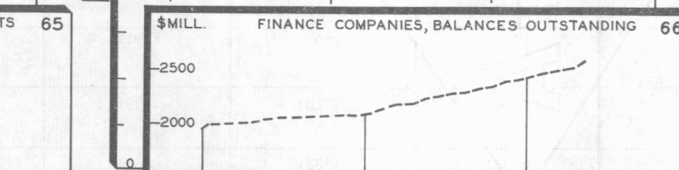
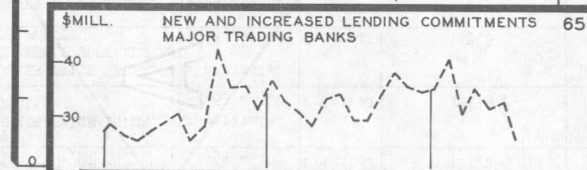
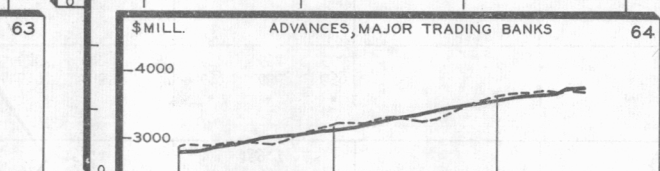
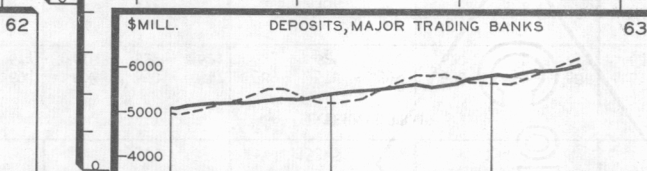
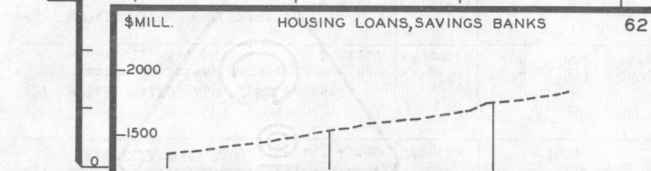
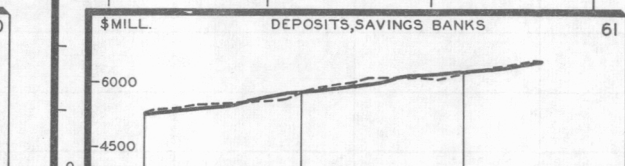
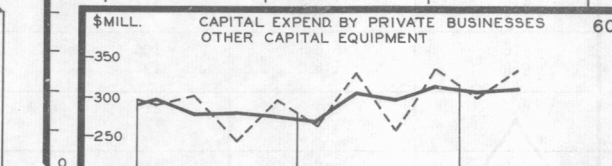
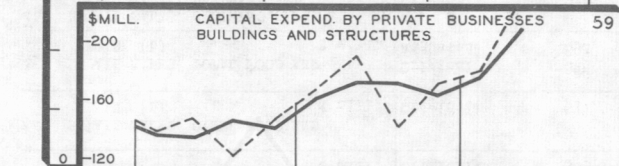
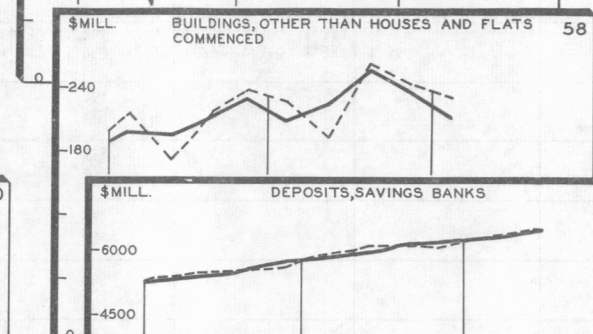
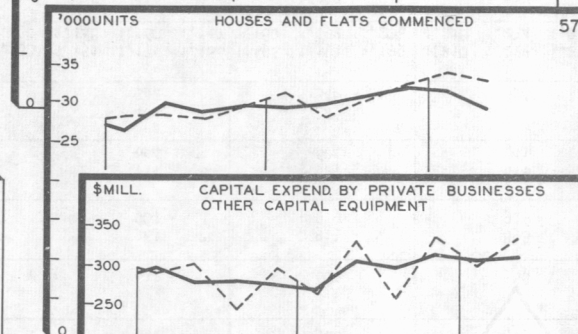
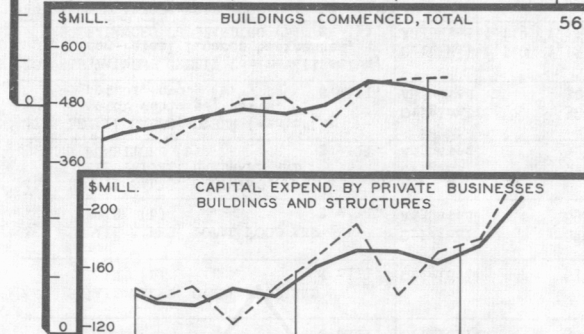
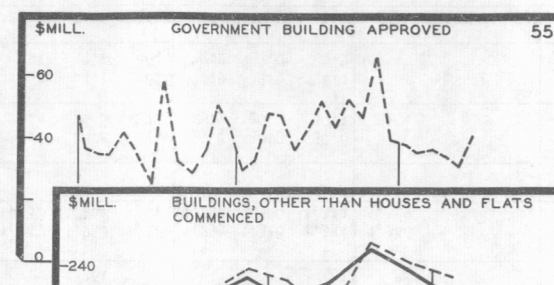
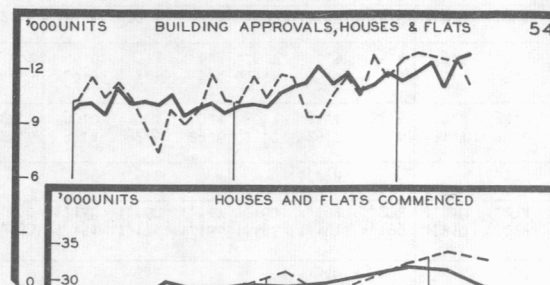
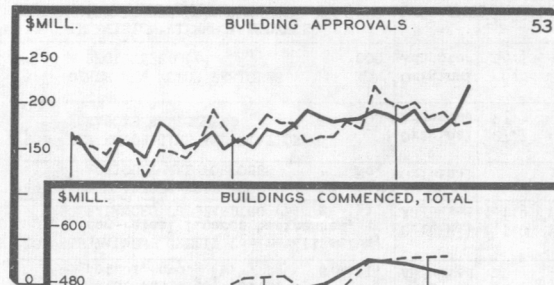


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		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June			
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																												
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	63.40			66.20			61.90			65.90			66.30													
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a)	1954 = 100	Original	158.9	159.0	159.1	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	162.0	162.3	162.9	163.4	163.7	164.1	165.7	166.0	171.4	171.5									
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS	1952-53 = 100	Original	142.5			142.9			143.5			144.6			145.2			146.7										
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD	1952-53 = 100	Original	148.3			147.0			148.0			149.4			149.0			149.3										
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPERY	1952-53 = 100	Original	121.2			122.0			122.3			122.9			123.5			124.4										
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING	1952-53 = 100	Original	184.4			186.7			187.6			190.0			191.3			194.9										
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1952-53 = 100	Original	115.8			116.3			116.4			117.3			117.5			118.2										
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP	1952-53 = 100	Original	151.5			153.1			153.5			154.3			156.4			159.7										
INTERNAL TRADE																												
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	574 608	597 608	604 617	608 618	650 622	817 621	589 623	578 621	599 628	598 620	659 632	586 634	617 640	638 642	597 632	* 652	* 688 654	* 859 664								
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b)	\$ mill.	Original	303			331			306			309			316													
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original	571			632			607			588			588													
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	875 894				963 907				913 919				898 926				904 926									
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	576 597				711 614				527 604				616 611				600 623									
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	325 340				401 342				326 346				329 354				348 364									
48. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (p)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,110 1,119	1,122 1,128	1,133 1,134	1,151 1,148	1,171 1,160	1,186 1,167	1,196 1,180	1,193 1,192	1,199 1,205	1,210 1,218	1,227 1,234	1,237 1,248	1,247 1,258	1,258 1,264	1,269 1,271	* 1,293 1,290	* 1,318 1,306	* 1,334 1,313	* 1,346 1,329							
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	Original	3,528			3,512			4,278			4,729																
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original Adjusted	27.3 27.3	30.2 27.6	28.6 28.6	31.4 30.0	32.5 30.4	29.6 30.1	25.7 30.1	29.7 31.4	31.6 31.5	31.7 32.2	36.8 34.2	31.6 34.4	31.8 29.4	28.2 26.8	27.2 27.9	32.8 29.5	30.9 30.3	30.8 30.1								
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	6.8 6.5	7.0 6.6	6.3 6.2	6.9 6.6	7.1 6.3	5.6 6.3	5.4 6.7	5.8 6.5	5.5 5.6	5.4 5.6	7.5 6.5	7.2 7.5	8.1 7.1	7.3 7.1	6.8 6.7	7.9 7.2	7.5 7.0	6.4 6.9								
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (d)	'000	Original	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2	23.9	26.6	26.6	@	18.9	14.9								

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired, these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.M.G.'s Department. * Preliminary. † Revised. (p) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: July 1968 \$73.5 m.; August \$70.5 m.; Sept. \$70.0 m.; Oct. \$86.2 m.; Nov. \$83.5 m.; Dec. \$81.3 m. @ Under review.

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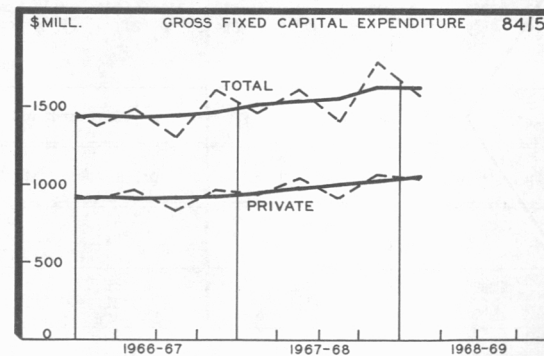
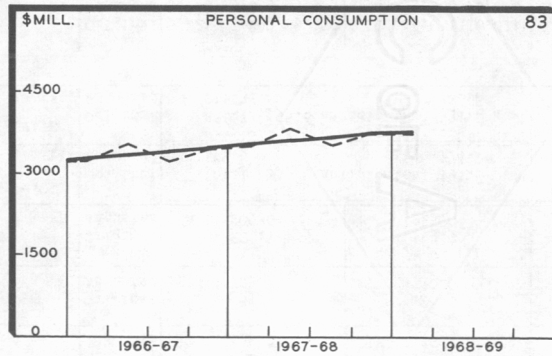
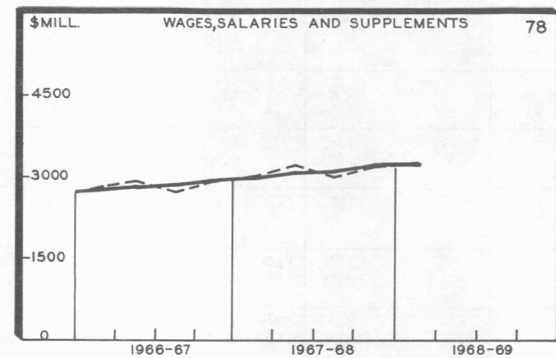
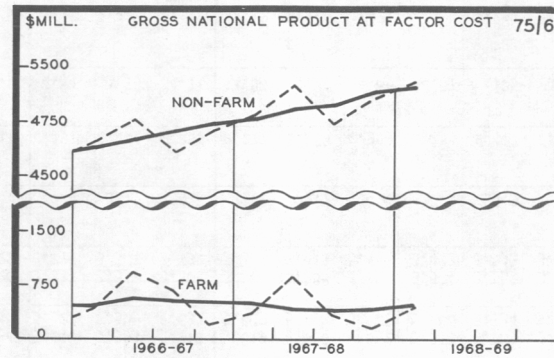
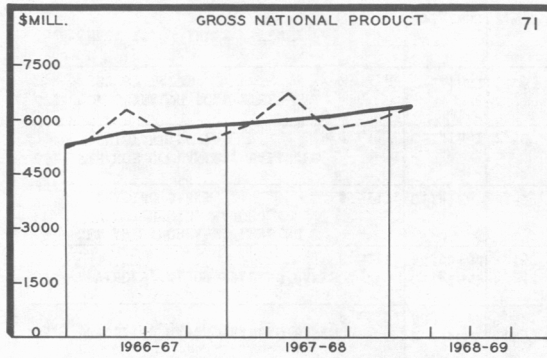


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BUILDING, ETC.																									
53. BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9	223.4 195.3	202.6 192.6	198.6 185.6	203.3 196.4	187.2 171.0	193.8 174.0	179.0 185.9	180.4 212.2					
54. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.6 10.9	12.9 11.2	11.6 11.9	12.7 11.4	13.0 11.9	12.9 12.5	12.7 11.1	12.5 12.7	11.3 13.0					
55. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	29.8	32.9	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.0	35.6	36.6	34.4	31.1	41.2					
56. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1			522.9 529.8			534.2 520.2			538.0 503.3									
57. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original Adjusted		31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.4 31.2			32.6 32.5			34.1 31.9			33.0 29.3						
58. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0			260.8 256.4			244.1 234.5			228.7 211.4									
59. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	167.1 (335.9 anticipated)			191.8 174.2			143.0 (326.4 anticipated)			172.8 165.2			181.7 (419.4 anticipated)			232.8 211.6							
60. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	266.7 (595.6 anticipated)			331.0 306.8			261.2 (604.5 anticipated)			338.2 317.3			302.7 (637.0 anticipated)			337.0 312.6							
FINANCE																									
61. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142	6,112 6,199	6,222 6,222	6,280 6,261	6,349 6,299	6,385 6,341	6,442 6,385	6,485 6,427	6,456 6,450					
62. HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795	1,813	1,826	1,846					
63. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686	5,689 5,734	5,698 5,796	5,683 5,858	5,668 5,837	5,745 5,898	5,887 5,971	5,979 5,973	6,110 6,020	6,261 6,120				
64. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483	3,559 3,513	3,598 3,534	3,662 3,563	3,676 3,632	3,665 3,661	3,717 3,680	3,705 3,694	3,718 3,748	3,687 3,766				
65. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	41.0	30.7	35.6	31.9	33.1	26.2				
66. FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453	2,487	2,506	2,543	2,609						
67. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.82	4.72	4.68	4.70				
68. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166	4,009	4,106	4,328	4,517				
69. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		92.4 81.0			139.4 108.0			115.2 140.7			121.8 138.9			198.9 187.7									
70. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5	346.5	381.3	384.4					

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. * Preliminary. / Revised.

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		1967-68				1968-69			
		Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,812 5,897	6,751 6,011	5,726 6,098	5,932 6,274	6,384 6,389		
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,009 988	967 991	1,085 1,094	1,070 1,060	1,096 1,072		
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	853 888	904 883	859 872	934 905	897 933		
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,968 5,997	6,814 6,119	5,952 6,320	6,068 6,429	6,583 6,528		
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	365 502	875 431	335 436	155 437	442 490		
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,844 4,772	5,240 4,941	4,722 4,985	5,066 5,158	5,288 5,224		
77. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,209 5,274	6,115 5,372	5,057 5,421	5,221 5,595	5,730 5,714		
WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS									
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,026 3,013	3,229 3,107	3,005 3,114	3,206 3,237	3,272 3,264		
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	148	630	131	-42	209		
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,141	1,291	1,131	1,361	1,204		
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	527	657	521	558	594		
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,788	4,493	3,746	3,967	4,091		
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,512 3,555	3,852 3,626	3,532 3,689	3,719 3,742	3,731 3,776		
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	947 956	1,050 992	913 1,001	1,074 1,034	1,046 1,047		
85. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,465 1,522	1,617 1,551	1,411 1,560	1,784 1,638	1,570 1,629		

EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 15

			Publication Reference No. (Page 15)				Publication Reference No. (Page 15)
Item				Item			
1.	16, 22	36-41.	Consumer price index. For particulars of composition and weighting see Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.	..	9
2.	Total generated, including electricity not for sale	..	22	42-7.	Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	..	32
3.	Includes gas produced in gas works and gas purchased from oil refineries.	..	22	48.	Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries.	..	13, 14
4.	Does not include natural gas.	..	22	49.	Excludes crawler tractors of 3,000 pounds weight or less.	..	35
5.	Includes recovery from scrap.	..	22	50, 51.	Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government owned vehicles other than Defence Service vehicles.	..	30, 31
6.	Portland cement.	..	22	52.	Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences.	..	17
7.	Includes finished and partly finished motor vehicles.	..	22, 28	53, 54.	Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities.	..	4
8.	Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	..	22, 26	55.	Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.	..	4
9.	Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	..	22, 25	56.	Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	..	5
10.	Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	..	22, 29	57.	Excludes conversions to flats.	..	5, 6
11.	Includes all footwear of cemented, vulcanised moulded rubber and injection moulded plastic soled construction but excludes slippers, sandals, goloshes and rubber gum boots.	..	22, 27	58.	See 56 above.	..	5
12.	In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	..	15	59, 60.	Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year.	..	7
13.	Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	..	10	61.	Deposits at end of period - all savings banks.	..	33, 34
14.	The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	..	-	62.	Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks.	..	33, 34
15.	Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realise if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month.	..	-	63, 64.	Monthly averages of weekly figures of the major trading banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	..	2, 3
16-17.	Total recorded overseas trade. See preface and explanatory notes, Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade Statistics.	..	18	65.	Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.	..	17
18.	Indexes of values at average 1966-67 prices. New series of indexes first published in the bulletin "Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices" (Ref. No. 8.21) on 10 October, 1968, in which a full description of sources and methods is given.	..	1, 37	66.	At end of period. Covers main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, comprising instalment credit for retail sales, wholesale hire purchase, other consumer and commercial loans and factoring. In so far as they provide instalment credit for retail sales the Finance Companies are also included in 48, Instalment Credit for Retail Sales. Includes leasing.	..	13, 17
19-20.	Net gold and foreign exchange holdings (Official and Banking Institutions).	..	12	67.	Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.	..	17
21.	Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month.	..	-	68.	Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.	..	17, 18
22, 24-6.	Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.	..	11	69.	Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	..	8, 17
23.	Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	..	11	70.	Excludes taxation collections paid direct to trust funds, e.g. motor taxes.	..	-
27.	Includes employees directly engaged in manufacturing activity and selling and distribution staff.	..	11	71-85.	For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure", published May, 1968.	..	19
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29.	Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.	..	11				
30.	See 22 above.	..	11				
31, 32.	Source: Department of Labour and National Service, Registrations with Commonwealth Employment Service.	..	11				
33.	Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres.	..	11				
34.	Source: Department of Social Services.	..	11				
34.	Male units represent total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees.	..	17, 36				
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